



Nine die in Ogun, Oyo accidents

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Five passengers died and a dozen others injured in an accident yesterday on the Lagos/Ibadan Expressway.

The accident, which occurred at the Eldorado- Ayetoro village at the Mowe stretch, involved a DAF truck marked (OYO) GNN 774 XA and a white Mazda passenger bus with registration number (LAGOS) APP 36 XA.

It was learnt that the driver of the Mazda passenger bus coming from Lagos lost control of the wheels and rammed into the stationary DAF truck.

An eyewitness said a nursing mother and her two children were among the five victims.

The accident caused a traffic gridlock on the expressway.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC), Adegoke Adetunji and the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the Ogun State Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE), Babatunde Akinbiyi said the victims comprise four males and a woman.

Adetunji said 23 people were involved in the accident.

The FRSC state Sector Commander noted that the bus driver violated the speed limit, wrongly overtook other vehicles, lost control and eventually crashed into the truck from the rear.

According to him, the injured were evacuated to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) Sagamu by the TRACE officers while the remains of dead are kept at the morgue of the same hospital.

Akinbiyi said over-speeding was responsible for the accident.

Four persons also died in an accident on the old Ibadan -Lagos Expressway in Oluyole Local Government Area of Oyo State.

Eyewitnesses said the accident involved a truck with registration number Lagos LND 221 SA, a commercial motorcycle and five other vehicles.

The FRSC Commander, Oluyole Unit, Mrs Oladayo Odeleye, said the accident occurred as a result of brake failure, leading to the death of three women and one man.

An eyewitness, Pa Daniel Iroha, said: "I know this road is one of the oldest in the country, yet it has remained a single lane ever since. The government should help the people by dualising this road. Many have died because the road is very busy and too narrow.

"The truck was descending with high speed when it crashed into an oncoming vehicles and a motorcycle. They said the truck driver was sleeping." ive passengers died and a dozen others injured in an accident yesterday on the Lagos/Ibadan Expressway.

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